

Football 91

Chapter 91 Game Time Again

Ding: Self-Created Mission 'Consistency' Completed

- Yoga Session, Duration 30 minutes. (4/4) - Interval training on the treadmill, Duration 15 minutes. (4/4)

- 50 Sit-Ups (4/4)

- 50 Press-Ups (4/4)

- Two Types of Planks (4/4)

- Run 3 miles

- Swim ten laps (4/4)

Rewards: Systems Congratulations,

1x Green slime portion,

1xRecovery Potion

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'Sigh was that really necessary?' I asked Eva as I slumped down on the front lawn after completing my morning workout. My heart was still racing from my run as sweat slowly trickled from my body. The slightly cool breeze of the autumn wind is so refreshing, especially with how hot I feel from the workout.

[Not really but I thought it would motivate you to see it in that format,] she answered me with an amused tone at my current predicament. She has been like this for the past four days that I have been doing this workout. Her teasing did help to motivate me further as I had come close to just going easy due to exhaustion.

'At least I get two free potions, so it's worth the trouble,' I commented as I slowly sat up from the lawn only to be tackled by Zeus. He started to excitedly lick my face in a show of affection causing me to laugh as it tickled quite a bit.

"You finally caught up, where Mom?" I exclaim to Emma and Dad who just pulled up on their bikes. Emma has been casually joining me for my morning workout since she tends to do yoga anyways to help with her dancing.

Mom was happy about our change since she didn't have to drag us out of bed, and we went to bed in a timely manner. Mom tends to be awake at 5:30 anyways doing whatever it is she does so it works out well. My morning run has sort of become a family event with the rest of them opting to ride their bikes. For some reason, they didn't find the thought of running this early appealing.

"It's your fault for taking off in the last stretch and she is talking miss carter," Emma said with a pout as she stored away her bike in the garage. Listening to her comments I felt slightly sorry for Mom as Miss Carter never stops talking as soon as she starts.

"Go get washed up it's already 6:30 unless you want to go to school smelling like that," Dad said with a small chuckle as he exaggeratedly pinched his nose. I could only sigh at his weird sense of humour, but I can't argue with his logic.

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"You excited for the game?" Lexi tapped my shoulder as she got my attention bringing me out of my daze. It's the last period of the day and I can barely wait to hit the field.

"He's probably already dreaming about scoring goals," Liam chimed in from the other side. He wasn't wrong though all I've been doing since class started is thinking of what I would do once I got the ball at my feet. I'm fairly sure that my English teacher wouldn't be too pleased if he knew I was using the time he was reading a book to us to daydream.

"Yeah, after all I promised coach, I would pass less so It's only logical to score more," I told them as I started doing light stretches to calm my nerves but somehow, I managed to get Mr millers attention. Luckily for me, he only gave me a light glare before continuing to read his book out loud.

"You'll be fine Just don't go scoring an own goal and you will be fine," Lexi commented with a teasing voice seemingly enjoying me being nervous for once. It's weird how she went from being shy around me to trying to tease me every now and then.

"Look at you suddenly so confident, Rakim You corrupted her," Liam said in a mocking voice seemingly blaming me for her sudden change. It seems that my mere presence has caused a lot of ripples to those around me.

"Hey, I've always been confident, I just didn't talk to you in the past," She quickly defended herself with a hint of indignation. However, looking at her pouting appearance as she glared at him was quite a comical sight. Pride was practically wafting off of her as she tried her best to convey her confidence.

"I'm sorry Lexi but you are probably the most awkward person I've met, heck even my sister isn't as awkward as you," I told her with a light smile as I continued to send shots at her self-esteem that she had just built up.

"Hey if you continue to bully me, I won't talk to the two of you anymore," she said with a pout as she lightly punched my shoulder. I was simply happy that her friend June wasn't here as she would have started a shouting match by now. She takes having a hero complex to a whole new level, heck she'll fight for you even if aren't in trouble. Honestly, it must be a genetic thing for someone to be so oblivious to social cues and still be able to stir up trouble with no provocation.

"Alright I'm sorry don't give me that look, you still coming to watch my match?" I quickly apologised as she started giving me puppy eyes after seeing I wasn't taking her word seriously.

"Hmph I'll think about it," She replied in a huff not ready to forgive me just yet. One thing no one can deny is that although Lexi is sweet and gullible, she also knows how to keep a grudge. It's a good thing that she has never been angry enough to really keep a grudge against me.

"I can't bro coach wants to discuss something with us, I'll be able to make the second half though," Liam answered me with an apologetic tone, probably feeling sorry about missing last week's game as well. I didn't mind it though since he's also busy with his Taekwondo team.

"All good I'll make sure to save a goal for the second half just for you," I told him with a smile as I started to slowly pack up my things. The class would end in a few minutes and then I would be off to my freedom.

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[Red Oak Eagles]

Ben Walker (GK)

Henric Eriksson (CB), Ole Wagner (CB), Jake Smith (CB),

Ben Miller (CM), Finn Parker (CM),

Rakim Rex (LW), Tom Walker (ST), Max Taylor (RW)

VS

[Central Jaguars]

Carlos Hernandez (GK)

Diego Martinez (CB), Lucas Silva (CB), Pablo Rodriguez (CB),

Antonio Sanchez (CM), Javier Gomez (CM), Eduardo Hernandez (CM)

Luis Morales (ST), Andrés Ramirez (ST),

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The crowd erupted loudly cheering on their team as soon as the sound of the whistle that signals the start of today's match fell upon their ears. Today's match between the Red Oak Eagles and the Central Jaguars was now officially underway. Both teams had managed to win their opening match last week, so they were looking to build upon their lead.

The players were determined to give their all and secure a victory for their teams. Thus began the battle for possession in the midfield as both sides scrambled to retain control of the ball.

In the 15th minute, Rakim Rex received a long pass from Finn Parker, who managed to win the ball near the left wing. Not disappointing his teammate, he swiftly controlled the ball as he nimbly dodged the tackle of Eduardo Hernandez.

Seemingly electrified by the ball the winger leveraged his body in a way that used the momentum of the opposing midfielder's shoulder tackle to push himself forward. Quickly increasing his speed with each stride, he caused ripples within the Jaguar's defence.

Pablo Rodriguez was the first to react as he came charging forward desperate to clear the oncoming danger. However, Rakim didn't seem fazed in the slightest by his oncoming charge as he maintained his speed. Seeing that he couldn't intimidate his opponent he opted for a shoulder tackle instead not wanting to risk a free kick so close to his box.

To his dismay, his opponent seemed to have anticipated his challenge and used his arm to keep him at a distance. Rakim sensing his opportunity made his move, feinting to the right with a drop of the shoulder and quickly shifting his centre of gravity to the left. His abrupt action caused the defender who was looking to push back to only be met with air causing him to stumble to the ground.

With a burst of speed, he left the defenders in his wake as he cut across the edge of the box. Not wasting any more time, he fired a powerful shot towards the goal just as Eduardo had entered his two-meter radius. The ball left his boots with a crisp bang as it cut a curved trajectory for the top right corner.

The keeper tried his best as he watched the ball sail through the air, but in the end, it was just out of reach and found the back of the net. The home crowd erupted in a crescendo of cheers, as the Red Oak Eagles celebrated their first goal of the match led by the winger who was dancing at the corner flag.